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August 28, 2007

The Honorable Pete Geren  
Secretary of the Army  
U.S. Department of Defense  
101 Army Pentagon  
Washington D.C. 20310-0101

Dear Secretary Geren:

On Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 10:00 AM in Room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the National Security and Foreign Affairs Subcommittee of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will hold a hearing entitled, "Bringing Accountability to U.S. Arms Transfers: The Train and Equip Program for Iraqi Security Forces."

The New York Times today, in an article entitled "Iraq Weapons Are a Focus of Criminal Investigations," reported on some of the Army's efforts to bring accountability to U.S. arms transfers in Iraq. The Committee would like your assistance in helping us to conduct a thorough investigation into this matter.

We have already requested testimony from the Government Accountability Office, the Department of Defense Inspector General, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. We would also like to invite you to testify at our September 6th hearing.

In addition, by Tuesday September 4, 2007, at the latest, we request the following:

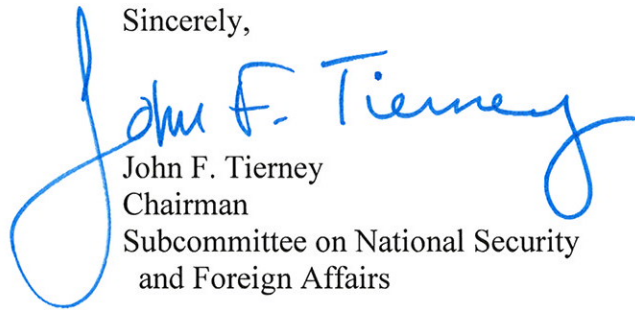
- A briefing into the Army's efforts to account for arms transferred to Iraqi Security Forces. Such a briefing should include, among others, the leaders of the panel of contracting and logistics experts you are reportedly forming.
- Copies of any reports and summaries of investigations the Army has conducted to date into the issue of transfers of arms in Iraq.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. The Subcommittee on National Security Affairs has jurisdiction over issues relating to national security, foreign affairs, and homeland security.

Information for witnesses appearing before the Committee is contained in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet. Also enclosed with this letter is a document providing additional information about how to respond to the Committee's document request.

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Wright or Dave Turk of the Subcommittee staff at (202) 225-5248.

Sincerely,



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Chairman  
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and Foreign Affairs

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